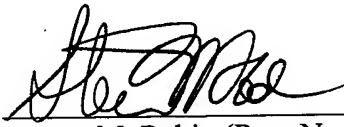


**REMARKS**

Claim 9 has been amended provide claim dependency. Examination of the amended application respect fully is requested.

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